

Appendix C –
Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated May 15, 2014



Schools and Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2014: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015)

May 15, 2014

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Re: FCC Form 471 Application Number: 936734
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 120839
Billed Entity FCC Registration Number (FCC RN): 0012488854
Applicant's Form Identifier: RITEL-2014-15

Thank you for your Funding Year 2014 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the FCC Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$2,525,979.60 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Report following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Guide to USAC Letter Reports in the Reference Area of our website.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- Review technology planning approval requirements.
- Review Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements.
- File FCC Form 486.
- Invoice USAC using the FCC Form 474, Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Form, or FCC Form 472, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, - as products and services are being delivered and billed.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

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Visit us online at: www.usac.org/sd

2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., FCDL) and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 - FCC Form 471 Application Number 936734 and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2014," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

We strongly recommend that you use one of the electronic filing options. To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org or submit your appeal electronically by using the "Submit a Question" feature on the USAC website. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

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For more information on submitting an appeal to USAC, please see "Appeals" in the Schools and Libraries section of the USAC website.

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to the FCC, you should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in Appeals in the Schools and Libraries section of our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services to their service provider(s). Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 474, the service provider must bill the applicant at the same time it bills USAC. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 472, the applicant pays the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) and then seeks reimbursement from USAC. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to Disposal or Trade-in of Equipment posted in the Reference Area of our website for more information.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: R.I. DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
BEN: 120839
Funding Year: 2014

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 936734
Funding Request Number: 2627626
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
FCC Form 470 Application Number: 573060001140303
SPIN: 143019354
Service Provider Name: Fiber Technologies Networks, L.L.C.
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: N/A
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2014
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 03/26/2014
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2015
Shared Worksheet Number: 1666367
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$661,500.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$661,500.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 86%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Contract Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The Contract Award Date was changed from 7/1/2014 to 3/26/2014 to agree with the documentation provided during the review of the FCC Form 471. <><><><><>DR1: No contract was in place when the FCC Form 471 Certification was filed. FCC Rules require that a contract be signed and dated by the applicant prior to the filing of the FCC Form 471 Certification for the products and services requested.

FCDL Date: 05/15/2014
Wave Number: 001
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2015
Consultant Name:
Consultant Registration Number (CRN):
Consultant Employer:

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: R.I. DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
BEN: 120839
Funding Year: 2014

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 936734
Funding Request Number: 2627750
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
FCC Form 470 Application Number: 573060001140303
SPIN: 143005312
Service Provider Name: Oshean Inc
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: N/A
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2014
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 03/26/2014
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2015
Shared Worksheet Number: 1665494
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$360,000.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$360,000.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 58%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Contract Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The Contract Award Date was changed from 7/1/2014 to 3/26/2014 to agree with the documentation provided during the review of the FCC Form 471. <><><><><> MR2: The discount for entity COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL # 2766 was decreased from 80% to 50%. The applicant failed to supply documentation to support the requested discount. As a result of this action, the shared discount was decreased from 61% to 58%. <><><><><> DR1: No contract was in place when the FCC Form 471 Certification was filed. FCC Rules require that a contract be signed and dated by the applicant prior to the filing of the FCC Form 471 Certification for the products and services requested.

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Consultant Name:
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Consultant Employer:

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: R.I. DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
BEN: 120839
Funding Year: 2014

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 936734
Funding Request Number: 2632881
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
FCC Form 470 Application Number: 573060001140303
SPIN: 143016764
Service Provider Name: Cox Rhode Island Telcom, LLC
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: N/A
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2014
Service End Date: N/A
Contract Award Date: 03/26/2014
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2015
Shared Worksheet Number: 1617063
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,844,360.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,844,360.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 61%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Contract Violation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The Contract Award Date was changed from 7/1/2014 to 3/26/2014 to agree with the documentation provided during the review of the FCC Form 471. <><><><><> DR1: No contract was in place when the FCC Form 471 Certification was filed. FCC Rules require that a contract be signed and dated by the applicant prior to the filing of the FCC Form 471 Certification for the products and services requested.

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